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An initialed copy of the IDS of September 12, 2002 is provided with this communication. It lists several references cited on the European Search Report for EP 01128468 against claims 1-3 and 5. With regard to original claims 1-3 and 5, these references are largely redundant of US 4,789,435, which was applied in rejections in the Office action of March 11, 2004. Furthermore, in the amendment of August 11, 2004, claim 1 was subsequently cancelled and claims 2, 3 and 5 were amended to depend from new claim 7. The instant application is allowable against the references cited on the European Search Report for EP 01128468 for at least the same reason as it is allowable against US 4,789,435.

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